18 Millbridge Maine. Friday.
July. 10/64

Wm L. Garrison

Dear William,

Last week I visited the Kenyon's in Pawtucket. Made all arrangements with them about boarding Deborah Wible. She to have the parlor mostly to herself, & the bedroom off it entirely to herself — & working & chamber work done — & all for 5 dollars per week — & if she does her own chamber work & her own working & ironing — for something less — I presume. I think she would like the place & the family. All are plain, but tidy, intelligent & affectionate — harmonious & happy among themselves. She could make it a Home — a kind of Center in N. E. where she could keep her things, with an assurance that they would be cared for — while she should wish to visit other places. I have written these facts to R. D. Wible to care of Hannah Sutliat — so that Deborah can see them. I have advised her, if she concludes to go there, to come to Boston, via N. Y. Central, Springfield & Worcester. To see you, or R. F. Wallcut, & have you shown her how to get to the Kenyons. Letting them know what day & by what train she will be at Pawtucket Station & Isaac Kenyon meet her there & take her to his Home.

Address till Thursday July 16th Care of Wm. G. Wolf, Millbridge Maine. After that Care of Belle Morris S.C.W.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

The desire having been expressed by many persons prominent in Church and Temperance organizations, that at some early day a National Temperance Convention should be held, correspondence was opened with friends in different parts of the country, all of whom expressed an earnest desire for the holding of such a convention at some central point some time during the summer. We, accordingly, in behalf of the bodies we represent, do earnestly invite all General Assemblies and all Synods, all General and Annual Conferences, all Associations of ministers and religious State Conventions, all National and State Temperance organizations, Grand Divisions Sons of Temperance, Grand Lodges of Good Templars, Grand Temples of Templars of Honor and Temperance, to send delegates to a National Convention, to be held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 29th, 1868, at ten o'clock A.M.

Each body to be entitled to seven delegates, of which the presiding officer and secretary shall be two, the other five to be appointed by the body. In case any association or organization shall not be in session after the issue of this call and prior to the meeting of the Convention, the presiding officer shall appoint the delegates and furnish them with credentials accordingly. Those Churches and Parishes whose bodies may fail to appoint delegates are each requested to send one delegate. All delegates must have credentials duly signed by the officers of their respective bodies. Vacancies in delegations may be filled by the remaining delegates.

The objects of the Convention are to compare views, discuss foundation principles, and secure, so far as practicable, concert of action. To this end, papers prepared by the best writers in the country will be presented, bearing upon the various aspects of the Temperance work, such as the duties of the pulpit, the press, and the platform—the relation of Temperance to the Sabbath, the Sabbath-school and Church—to colleges and institutions of learning—to statistics and political economy,—the Scriptural, scientific, medical, and legal phases of Temperance—the necessity of organization, and the ballot, etc.

Notwithstanding the triumphs of the Cause in the past, and the encouraging prospects of the future, the evil of intemperance still ravages our land, filling homes with discord, suffering, and woe, alms-houses and prisons with inmates, peopling graveyards with victims, and recruiting the armies of eternity with lost souls. And the demand is now made by the traffickers in strong drink that all laws tending to the observance of a quiet Sabbath shall be

79 Thus, Dear William! I have done what I could for her health & comfort; I should have staid in Boston - or Gloucester till she comes - if she comes - or till I had heard from her, or her father. But I was engaged to be here - Wednesday evening - the 4th & here & in Cherryfield & West Gouldsboro. Belfast, Camden, Rockland & ~~Thom~~ S. Thomaston till Monday July 27th, then July 29th (Wednesday) to be in Harwich on Cape Cod, to attend a 5 days Convention of the Mass. State Association of Spiritualists & Friends of Progress: It is expected to be a great gathering & to be attended by a thorough discussion of the great practical questions of the day - Temperance, Peace, Self-Government by Individuals & Nations, Negro & Woman Ballot, Education, Pre-Natal & Post-Natal, & Human Destiny in & out of the body.

I came through Boston Tuesday, July 7th. Could not stop to see thee & talk with thee about Richards & Deborah's Affairs. But all is ready for her at the Kenyons, if she wishes to go there. If not, it will be no inconvenience to them. I leave it all with you now. I am sorry to trouble you, I should have pleasure in doing for her & her father - had I not been engaged long before I ~~had~~ knew of their wants. If Dear, Noble Frankie is at Home - perhaps he could see to her & go with her to Pawtucket. If she goes there, when I get through on Cape Cod, I shall visit her, before I go West - to St. Louis - where I am engaged to speak during October - if health holds out.

H. C. Wright

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